

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0004 with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] Providing messaging services such as the short message service (SMS) described in "Technical Realization of the Short Message Service (SMS) Point-to-Point (PP)," European Telecommunications Standards Institute, ETSI TS 100.901 v7.5.0, December 2001, to mobile devices such as mobile telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and pagers enables subscribers to communicate in environments in which traditional voice and other nodes of communication are impractical, inconvenient, and often unavailable. Messaging services such as the multimedia messaging service (MMS) described in "WAP MMS Architecture Overview", Version 25-Apr.-2001, WAP-205-MMSArchOverview-20010425-a, WAP Forum, (a copy of which can be obtained from a website maintained by the WAP Forum) <http://www.wapforum.org>; "WAP MMS Client Transactions", Version 15-Jan.-2002, WAP-206-MMSCTR-20020115-a, WAP Forum, (a copy of which can be obtained from a website maintained by the WAP Forum) <http://www.wapforum.org>; and "WAP MMS Encapsulation Protocol", WAP-209-MMSEncapsulation-20020105-a, WAP Forum, (a copy of which can be obtained from a website maintained by the WAP Forum) <http://www.wapforum.org>, are presented with similar challenges in the mobile environment.